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FELLOWSHIP HOUSE

The Directing Committee of the Arlington Avenue Fellowship House and the Conference Board of Directors are happy to announce a great forward step in that splendid and rapidly growing area lying in the hills immediately north of Berkeley. The Fellowship House has well served the community as a meeting place for all sorts of community organizations and gatherings. A splendidly staffed Church School has been maintained, boys' and girls' clubs have been active, and more recently services of worship have been conducted, all of this under the leadership of part time directors, who were students at the Pacific School of Religion.

Mr. Herbert Dimock during his three years as director has won the admiration and cooperation of the people of that area. It was but natural that the Directing Committee should turn to him to undertake full time work in carrying forward the community program, and at the same time launching a church organization. Some years ago, before all of the property on Arlington Avenue had been occupied, the Conference purchased an excellent site for a new church building. Now plans for construction are to be made preparing for the day when materials and labor can be had, a charter membership list for the new community church will be opened, and progress made in organization just as rapidly as possible. Mr. Dimock, who has already passed the examination by the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing, will be ordained. A comfortable home has been secured for Mr. and Mrs. Dimock by the Directing Committee, and on a recent date a reception was held in their honor.

The expanded program will require a heavier investment on the part of the Conference and toward this increase the Federation of Congregational Women will devote a portion of its Thank Offering. The Directing Committee is headed by George B. Martin, Conference moderator, and Superintendent Gill serves as a member. A community canvass for the support of the House is now going forward, headed by President Emeritus Herman F. Swartz. A total budget for the first year of $4300 has been adopted.

ACCEPTED FOR WAI

Our entire Northern California fellowship takes pride in the information that has been released, that Dr. and Mrs. Prescott Thompson have been accepted by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions for service in the great hospital at Wai, India. The Thompsons will sail in July, 1944, in the meantime serving at a hospital near Livermore. Prescott Thompson was at one time president of our Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California and an active worker in Plymouth House. Mrs. Thompson has been more recently a member of the Conference Social Action Committee. They hold membership in the San Mateo church.

SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

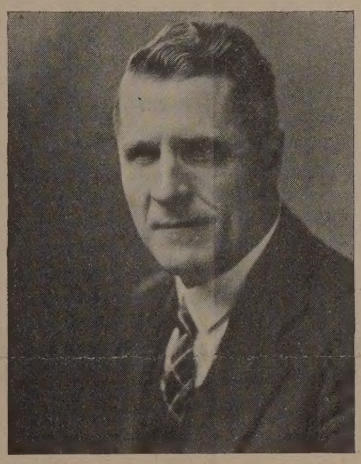
Mr. Robert L. James, formerly in charge of student religious work at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, is coming to San Jose as the new student director, representing ten different denominations in their work on the campus of the State College. Our Conference shares in this work on the recommendation of our Committee on Religion in Higher Education.

Rev. Russell J. Clinchy will be one of the headline speakers for the annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, to be held at Plymouth Church, Oakland, October 19 to 21. Dr. Clinchy is pastor of the First Church of Hartford, Conn. He was formerly in Washington, D. C. Recently he was sent to England on a special mission by our Committee for Assistance to War Victims and Services and returns with an important and exciting message. His church has released him for time enough to make reports of what he saw and heard. He will give the opening address and also the closing message of the Conference.

1943 UNIT PLAN LAUNCHED

In response to the earnest request of the Laymen's Commission, Rev. N. F. Sanderson of Martinez has again consented to serve as chairman for the Unit Plan in Northern California and will devote half of the month of September to that work.

The Unit Plan was launched at the General Council in 1942, and is the means of securing the funds which will be necessary to maintain the Original Plan Annuities on the level which aged ministers and their widows so direly need and which through the years they have been led to expect. It will require about $120,000 a year for ten years throughout the nation. Northern California has been assigned a quota of thirty units of $100 each. Although getting a very late start last year, Mr. Sanderson secured a little less than $2000, and as a result of his effort he starts his campaign this year with about $1100 in hand, so that it will again be necessary to secure at least twenty units. In the main, this money is to be solicited from individuals rather than churches. Contributors will be able to take credit toward their income taxes as a result of their gifts. In the forthcoming Victory Bond drive it is possible to purchase a $100 "G" bond in the name of the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, thereby accomplishing three things: (1) assist in the national Victory Bond drive; (2) assist the Unit Plan; (3) get credit which will reduce income taxes.



Rev. John R. Scotford has completely rejuvenated our national journal, "Advance," since taking the editorship on June 1. People are talking enthusiastically about the transformation. Not only is he a journalist but a photographer, and withal a prophet of religion. For more than twenty years he has been a frequent contributor to the "Christian Century" and the "International Journal of Religious Education." He was formerly co-editor of "The Missionary Herald." He has traveled widely in South America and Mexico, and is the author of three books: "Mating Ministers and Churches," "Spanning a Continent," and "Together We Build America." He will be a leading speaker at the forthcoming Conference meeting.

Laymen Retreat

Tentative plans are under way for a laymen's retreat of the Sacramento Valley churches for the week-end of September 25 and 26. The gathering will be held at the home of one of our good Congregational laymen, Mr. Harry Drobish, some twenty miles northeast of Marysville, where splendid accommodations are provided and a most congenial atmosphere. Full details are being mailed to all the churches. The cost is very modest. Heading the team of leaders will be Rev. Wofford C. Timmons, pastor of the South Church, New Britain, Conn. Arrangements are under the direction of Mr. David H. Gill of Sacramento, member of the Laymen's Commission for that district.

RICHMOND DEFENSE AREA

Seven Sunday Schools are now operating in the defense housing area of Richmond. These are attended by a total of about 600 children. Following the Sunday School period, there are preaching services with an average attendance of 250. The work is interdenominational in character, under the Church Defense Council, and with Rev. H. H. Henderson as director. A number of workers have been loaned by various denominations. There will soon be facilities for four additional Sunday Schools and worship centers. A vacation school for a period of 10 weeks meets in five different centers, two days in each center, with a total enrollment of 400. A camp provided facilities for boys one week and for girls another.

PROGRAM PLANS

The program for the annual meeting of the Conference to be held at Plymouth Church, Oakland, October 19-21, is rapidly taking form. In addition to Rev. Russell J. Clinchy and Rev. John R. Scotford, whose pictures appear in other columns of this issue, we are to have the high privilege of hearing Mr. Ronald Bridges and Dr. Charles S. Johnson.

Mr. Bridges is chairman of the Missions Council and a member of the Laymen's Fellowship Commission. He was runner up when a layman moderator was elected at the Berkeley General Council. He is on the faculty of the Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe, and is an unusually brilliant and worthwhile speaker.

Dr. Charles S. Johnson is professor of sociology at Fisk University. He is the world's leading authority on the Negro. Recently the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Churches together with the Rosenwald Foundation joined in appointing him as director of race relations and in financing his program of promoting racial understanding. He comes to San Francisco and the Bay Area in the middle of September for a month to survey the situation which has been brought about by the tremendous influx of Negro war workers.

Rev. John H. Gregg, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Fresno, is to be the chaplain and will conduct the services of worship. Rev. William Moll Case of Reno will preach the Conference sermon. A full hour will be devoted to the proposed union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. An hour of unusual interest will offer present and past superintendents and field secretaries in a panel discussion on "This Congregationalism of Ours." Those who will be heard will be Rev. Frank E. Carlson of Oroville, Rev. Nelson C. Dreier of Los Angeles, Rev. A. C. Hacke of Ripon, Rev. John G. Dickey of Angels Camp, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman of Rio Vista, and Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Other features and the general plans of housing, meals, and the like will be set forth in the October issue.

DR. TIMMONS COMING

Pastors of a good many of our Northern California churches will have the rare privilege of spending a day in conference with each other and under the leadership of Rev. Wofford C. Timmons of the South Church, New Britain, Conn., who comes to California under the auspices of the Commission on Evangelism. Dr. Timmons is a man of broad sympathy, of deep spiritual insight, and of an especially fine grasp of present day problems confronting the church. Secretary Fagley testifies as to the value which ministers have gained in similar conferences with Dr. Timmons.

As tentatively arranged, Dr. Timmons will meet with the ministers of the San Joaquin Valley in Fresno on Wednesday, September 22; with the ministers of the Bay Area and the Upper Bay at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, on Thursday, the 23rd; with the ministers of the Santa Clara Association on Friday, the 24th, probably at Palo Alto; and with the ministers of the Central and Sacramento Valley Association, at Sacramento, on Monday, the 27th. Full details will be sent to all pastors within reach. It is a source of regret that we cannot arrange for a meeting in the Redwood Empire Association.

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ORDINATION OF DAVID STOWE

Mr. David Stowe, minister of religious education at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, and director of Plymouth House, was ordained at a council of the churches of the Bay Association together with Piedmont Community Church and the Oneonta Congregational Church on June 29. Mr. Stowe, who had previously passed the examination of the Committee on Ministerial Standing, made an unusually favorable impression upon the council, which voted most heartily to ordain. The moderator was Rev. Jason Noble Pierce. Rev. John Wright Buckham offered the invocation, Rev. C. C. McCown read the Scripture, Rev. James Muilenburg gave the ordination sermon, Rev. Vere V. Loper made the ordination prayer, President A. C. McGiffert, Jr., gave the charge to the candidate, Rev. Holland F. Burr the charge to the people, and Supt. Harley H. Gill the right hand of fellowship. Members of the council had the opportunity of meeting the parents and the fiancee of Mr. Stowe.

ALFRED FOCHT ORDAINED

On July 29 Mr. Alfred Paul Focht came before a council of the vicinage in the Guerneville church for examination and ordination. He had previously appeared before the Committee on Ministerial Standing. After the examination it was unanimously voted to proceed, and the service of ordination followed. This included invocation by the moderator, Rev. Gordon L. Foster; Scripture reading, Rev. G. Arthur Casaday; the ordination sermon, Rev. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.; the ordination prayer, Rev. David Stowe; the charge to the candidate and the right hand of fellowship, Supt. Harley H. Gill. It was a particularly happy occasion because of the presence of the candidate's father, mother ,and sister and because of the fact that he had grown up in our Cotati church and was being ordained in and by the churches of his own Association. He has resigned and is leaving for Connecticut, where he expects to secure a pastorate and continue his studies in one of the eastern seminaries.

SHERWOOD WIRT ACCEPTS CALL

Mr. Sherwood Elliott Wirt, who closed his pastorate at Port Chicago during the summer, is now serving the Congregational Church at Collinsville, Conn. He took a special summer course at Princeton and will in all probability continue studies at some other eastern school. His article in the September "Advance," interpreting John C. Bennett, is of special interest to Northern California people, who are acquainted with them both.

WRA SPEAKERS

The San Francisco office of the WRA will be more than glad to furnish speakers or data for study groups regarding the program of Japanese relocation. Those interested should write to Robert B. Cozzens, WRA Headquarters, Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market St., San Francisco.

LOYALTY

Here is the first benevolence giving report after the long summer interval. It indicates that churches have, on the whole, been faithful in remitting and are showing increased loyalty to our cause. As the active part of the church year begins, pastors, treasurers, and chairmen of committees are urged to study this list and to note whether or not their churches have made gains over the first eight months of last year, or have shown losses. It would be a pity if the splendid gain thus far registered were to be neutralized by lack of interest or carelessness during the remaining third of the year. The sincere thanks of the Conference staff and Board of Directors, and of the national Boards go to all who have made this showing possible.

Church	June-Aug. 1943	Jan.11 to Aug.31,'43	Jan.11 to Aug.31,'42
Adin	$ 3.07	$ 6.47	$ 11.47
Alameda	106.80	384.42	230.29
Alturas	14.87	74.23	26.74
Angels Camp	37.50	75.00	77.50
Antioch	11.99	24.43	42.05
Auburn	40.00	80.00	93.07
Benicia	.....	26.06	30.00
Berkeley, First	1,530.31	3,791.04	3,434.96
Kensington	.....	20.00	.....
North	128.21	329.46	300.75
Park	149.23	171.24	31.87
Campbell	87.50	157.50	146.00
Cedarville	25.00	50.00	65.00
Cloverdale	18.05	57.52	35.75
Cotati	10.50	44.95	69.35
Crockett	46.78	77.81	79.69
Dinuba	.88	.88	.....
Etna	.....	.....	5.32
Eureka	66.12	244.52	243.83
Fairfax	.....	30.75	15.00
Ferndale	134.28	229.05	223.14
Fresno, First	50.00	915.33	389.32
Pilgrim	.....	100.00	68.08
Japanese	.....	.....	35.00
Glen Ellen	.....	10.00	.....
Guerneville	15.00	15.00	.....
Hayward	100.00	200.00	150.00
Kenwood	9.95	22.25	6.10
Likely	.....	29.04	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	18.27	.....
First	300.00	1,228.25	710.00
Loleta	12.70	25.75	.....
Loomis	20.62	43.67	10.71
Martinez	181.76	298.58	234.50
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	1,330.00	3,580.00	3,645.00
Fruitvale	15.00	30.00	30.00
Japanese	.....	.....	10.00
Pilgrim	6.00	21.00	30.17
Plymouth	255.11	732.59	578.34
Oroville	60.98	131.54	25.00
Pacific Grove	207.68	226.48	135.49
Palo Alto	350.00	600.00	753.85
Paradise	75.00	232.70	150.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	.....	22.25	24.00
Pescadero	.....	.....	2.50
Petaluma	.....	215.83	367.27
Pittsburg	40.25	111.50	90.79
Port Chicago	3.72	3.72	8.12
Porterville	100.00	290.00	160.00
Redwood City	311.73	565.67	222.95
Rio Vista	.....	14.00	.....
Ripon	41.30	126.61	132.58
Sacramento	216.55	544.14	483.24
Salida	35.00	60.00	50.00
San Carlos	28.11	78.90	67.40
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	.....	130.92	169.83
First	397.03	912.42	794.07
Ocean View	25.53	75.00	65.00
Richmond	.....	75.00	.....
San Jose	135.00	460.00	460.20
San Leandro, Broadmoor	31.35	76.74	54.06
San Mateo	169.27	545.71	482.36
San Rafael	.....	40.00	40.00
Santa Cruz	250.00	400.00	390.00
Santa Rosa	49.00	113.00	99.00
Saratoga	131.73	288.02	350.45
Sebastopol	80.15	122.56	102.27
Sonoma	32.64	107.24	76.31
Soquel	39.10	64.10	50.00
Stockton	152.07	379.75	326.72
Suisun	25.00	50.00	50.00
Sunnyvale	52.00	52.00	37.50
Tulare	80.00	259.23	308.50
Weaverville	40.00	60.00	122.00
Woodside	.....	26.00	30.00
Reno, Nevada	166.99	352.51	205.95
Miscellaneous and Individual	149.31	944.64	1,482.05
	$8,183.72	$21,994.24	$19,519.46

WEDDING BELLS

Pilgrim Fellowship young people and many older folk, too, are greatly interested in the marriage and prospective marriage of two recent state presidents. Mary Fulmer became the wife of Robert Wood, a student at Pacific School of Religion, at a beautiful ceremony on Sunday, August 15. Joanna Wilder is to marry Robert Hughes on October 9 in the Congregational church of Salida.

REV. M. G. PAPAZIAN

A great leader and prophet has fallen. Rev. M. G. Papazian departed this life July 11, 1943. In Northern California he was known as the very distinguished pastor of the Pilgrim Church at Fresno, to which he had ministered for 26 years. He had served on the Conference Board of Directors and as moderator. For two years he was interim pastor in Oakland, Los Angeles, and Pasadena. He retired from the active ministry one year ago, after a career of 53 years in religious work.

He was born on February 16, 1865, in Cilicia. He graduated from Central Turkey College, Aintab, in 1882. For four years he was teacher and preacher in the Near East, coming to America in 1886. He graduated from Yale Divinity School three years later. He took post-graduate work in Andover Seminary, and in 1890 was called to the Congregational Church in Rowley, Mass., where he was married to Mary Foster, the organist of that church, two years later. For fifteen years together they labored at the Haig Evangelical Church in Aintab, coming back to America in 1907. After a six and a half year pastorate in New York City, he came to Fresno. Four sons and one daughter were born while the family resided in Asia Minor, of whom two sons and the daughter, together with Mrs. Papazian, survive. A few years ago the Pacific School of Religion recognized Dr. Papazian's scholarship, ability, and devotion by conferring on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Funeral services were held in the great Pilgrim Church, with Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, the pastor, Dean James L. Malloch of the Fresno Episcopal Cathedral, and Supt. Harley H. Gill participating.

REV. J. J. JONES

The ministers of our Northern California fellowship and a good many lay people will deeply regret to learn of the death of Rev. J. Jasper Jones on Thursday morning, the 4th of May. Mr. Jones spent several years as pastor of our church at Santa Rosa. At the time of his illness he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Cambria.

DR. COOKE WELCOMED

It is with great joy that Northern California missionary-minded people are having in a number of churches and their homes our own beloved Dr. Alma Locke Cooke. She is under orders to "take it easy," in order to build up her strength for the great task that awaits her. In the course of a few months she will be sent again to China. Recently she was honored guest at a meeting and luncheon sponsored by the directors of the Women's Board of Missions for the Pacific.

OUR CHAPLAINS

The Pacific has not had recent word from some of our northern California men serving in the chaplaincy. Presumably James D. Salmon and W. R. Steininger are somewhere overseas as they both have OPA addresses, care Postmaster, New York. Gail Cleland is still at Port of Embarkation, New Orleans, and Harry A. Shuder at Baxter General Hospital, Spokane. Earl D. Weed is on the staff at headquarters of the Fourth Defense Command at the Presidio in San Francisco. Verdette Walters is at Camp McQuaide near Watsonville. Victor Morgan is at the Naval Pre-flight School at St. Mary's College, and Edward Reighard at last report at Bennett Field, New York. Additional chaplains are greatly needed.

ANTIOCH. The pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, reports the organization of a choir of Pilgrim Fellowship young people for the church services, and of a junior choir for the Sunday School. Five young people attended the Lokoya conference.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On Youth Sunday fifteen young people joined the church on confession of faith. During the pastor's absence Dr. George Hedley supplied the pulpit. On his return the first of August, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach began his eleventh year of service in the church. On a recent Sunday he preached the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of nurses from Highland Hospital.

FAIRFAX. Leaders of this church were instrumental in organizing a cooperative nursery school for the community, which opened July 1. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Meyer, in addition to serving as Director of the Lokoya Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, also served on the faculty of the Zephyr-at-Berkeley Conference and the Chinese Christian Youth Conference at Lake Tahoe.

SALIDA. Pilgrim Fellowship is having a light lunch and a play hour on Sunday evenings. They conducted the morning service on July 25 and did it very well. Rev. Jessie G. Heath, pastor, is planning to make World Communion Sunday a time of rallying the forces all along the line.

RENO, NEVADA. A union vacation church school, held in the First Methodist Church, recorded splendid attendance. Early in the summer, Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury of Boston occupied the pulpit and remained for an evening conference with the Pilgrim Fellowship group. Rev. William Moll Case is the pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, spent his vacation in Los Angeles, where he was guest preacher at his old home church in Westwood Hills. The forum for the coming year starts off with the strongest and most expensive program for the Sunday evenings of October in its long and successful history.

MARTINEZ. While the pastor, Rev. T. T. Giffen, is on vacation the guest preachers will be Rev. David Stowe and Rev. Harvey V. Miller. An aggressive program of advance is planned for the fall, with special emphasis on increased church attendance and greater interest in Church School and Pilgrim Fellowship.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. Robert Inglis commenced his fifth year as pastor of this church on September 5. The last Sunday of August was the occasion of special service, when the choir took entire charge, giving a program of sacred music interspersed with appropriate readings.

NILES. The pastor, Rev. D. Q. Grabill, has returned from a happy vacation in Wisconsin, and is eagerly beginning his fall work. As a trial and to permit those who must work during the day to attend, Sunday services will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening.

RIO VISTA. Though the attendance was not great, the Church Vacation School was a success, and parents and friends who attended the closing exercises were convinced that a Church Vacation School is essential to the religious education program. Rev. Edwin T. Sherman is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. A special fund is being collected for the purpose of repairing the church roof. During his vacation, the pastor, Rev. Torrance Phelps, visited in Pacific Grove and preached two Sundays at our Mayflower Church there, and one Sunday in Alameda.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, baptized one adult and seven children on August 22.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SOQUEL. The Little White Church in the Vale," as it is sometimes called, celebrated its 75th anniversary on July 31 and August 1. An excellent turkey dinner on Saturday evening brought together an overflow attendance of members and friends from near and far. There were present many distinguished guests, and the address of the evening was given by Roy Tarleton, mayor of the city of Compton, who was a Soquel boy and formerly identified with the church. At the anniversary service Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the preacher, and the new chancel was dedicated, which will transform the historic interior into an attractive worship center. The cost of the alterations was more than over-subscribed, and reflects great credit upon Rev. and Mrs. T. Davis Preston, who are giving such faithful and effective service in the community. An unusual feature of the celebration was furnished by the Santa Cruz "Sentinel News," which devoted a large part of one issue to the Soquel church and community and the anniversary occasion. In this our good friend, Ernest Otto, had an influential part.

SAN RAFAEL. A very successful daily vacation Bible School was held with an all-time record of enrollment. The Sunday School has also reached its highest attendance, and four new classrooms have had to be built and furnished. A boys' club has been organized, meeting weekly for sports and devotionals. Several young people attended the state Christian Endeavor convention and a number attended summer conference at Mt. Hermon. One hundred dollars was raised toward the purchase of an automobile for work among the migrants in Yuba County. Rev. W. W. Turner is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. Ten young people accompanied the pastor, Rev. Ralph V. Conard, to the Loma Mar Pilgrim Fellowship Conference ,of which he was the director. Mr. Conard has been active in the formation of the new Alameda Church Council. This Council, in cooperation with the war emergency funds of the various denominations, has secured a full time interdenominational worker, has started two Sunday Schools in defense housing areas, and is determined to bring social and religious opportunities to the 17,000 new people who will be in Alameda within the next few months.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Not only does this church have the distinction of having a lower average age in its membership than any other in the Conference, but without any question a larger percentage of its membership in the military and naval services of the country. In the last Year Book a total of 52 members were reported. The church has 21 in military service. Some of these, of course, are not members of the church but belong within the parish.

BERKELEY, FIRST. During the absence of Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, on vacation, Rev. David Stowe occupied the pulpit. That Dr. Loper was not idle during his vacation is evidenced by eight sermon topics which he has announced for the fall, each one based on a book, the general title of the series being "A Parson's Reflections on Vacation of Reading."

TRINITY COUNTY. A planning committee has been elected to arrange for refinishing work in the Weaverville church. A group of the men have already started to paint the outside of the building. An August special event was a Lawn Party to honor the grandmothers of the community, given by Mrs. P. N. Bennett, wife of the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. On Sunday, August 29, the church celebrated the 50th anniversary of the ordination of its pastor, Rev. V. B. Amirkhanian. Mr. Amirkhanian will soon close his work with the church, as he came to be of assistance for one year, but in that time he has greatly endeared himself to the people. Mr. Amirkhanian was pastor of the Fresno Presbyterian Church for fifteen years or more. Prior to that time he was in work associated with the American Board for 29 years. During the first world war, when missionaries from Harpoot were obliged to leave, much of the responsibility fell on his shoulders. During those trying years his life was saved as by a miracle again and again. In 1922 he took charge of transporting a convoy of 400 orphans from Harpoot to Aleppo through exceedingly dangerous territory. Many congratulatory letters were read at the celebration. Among those participating in the anniversary service were Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian of Fresno, Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and representatives from practically all the Armenian churches in California.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A monthly Bible reading and reporting contest, with careful records kept, is proving of real interest to the Murphys Pilgrim Fellowship. The church school at Angels Camp has continued through the summer, but that at Murphys was closed temporarily due to loss of leadership. The pastor-to-the-county, Rev. John G. Dickey, is kept busy with the work of his widespread parish. In addition to that, he reports that his work as chairman of the Price Panel has increased. He and Mrs. Dickey hold the local air raid wardens' record for the number of planes reported in any number of consecutive hours.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. This church and its pastor, Mr. Eugene Sill, sponsored formation of a cooperative Community Council which includes representatives from the local Grammar School, Improvement Club, Boy Scouts, and Catholic Ladies' Aid as well as the Congregational Church, and already several interest groups have been started for children of the community, namely an orchestra, reading club, handcraft group for boys, and a junior A. W. V. S. During Mr. Sill's absence on vacation, the Pilgrim Fellowship took entire charge of Sunday morning worship services.

PACIFIC GROVE. Rev. Elwood B. Hunter has resigned to take effect on October 1. As a result of the recent visit of Dr. Mary Cushman this church has started to raise $1000 toward the cost of completing the translation and publication of the Old Testament into the Umbundu language. It is hoped that other churches will join in this undertaking. A gift of $5000 has been made to the church by Bessie Virginia Furlong, in memory of her mother-in-law, the late Mary Elizabeth Furlong.

SANTA CRUZ. Church attendance during the summer was better than the average for that period, reaching well above the 200 mark. The church register showed that 27 states and Canada were represented by visitors, and those who signified desire to join the church were from many denominations. The women's group continued their work through the summer. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

STOCKTON. During the absence of the pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed, on vacation, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. C. Howard Hopkins of the College of the Pacific. One Sunday in August, Rev. William Moll Case of our Reno Church was guest preacher.

SAN MATEO. For the first time in several years, this church conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School. Another special activity of the summer was a series of Sunday "picnics," with families in church and church school bringing lunch and picnicking in the patio after the services. Groups and individuals provided tables, barbecue outfits, and games, and the Church larder provided coffee. A lovely candlelit service of installation for the women's society was conducted by Mrs. E. V. Krick of San Francisco. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, pastor, and Mrs. Buckham had their vacation in a pack trip into the high Sierras. Two members of the Sunday School staff attended a special conference in religious education at San Anselmo during the summer. Steady progress is being made in wiping out the church debt. The church has had the largest summer congregation in its history. A new handbook and directory has been completed and is being distributed.

EUREKA. A novel Vacation Church School was held this summer. In addition to classes in handcraft, dramatics, music, and religious subjects, there was an outdoor "Children's Village" with animal pets and a victory garden. For this village a friend loaned a quarter block of land near the church, city officials had it scraped and cleaned off, and Plymouth Park (the young people's camp) provided tents. In addition to this project, the usual young people's camp was held. Rev. C. H. Hudson, the pastor, tells of the building of a new community church in the foothills near Willow Creek, a very neat building, almost completed, where a Sunday School is now being held.

SUISUN. This church is happy in an arrangement which will bring to them, as pastor for an indefinite period, Rev. Melvin E. Pratt, Jr., of Palo Alto. Mr. Pratt is a graduate of Stanford University and completed his theology course at Yale at the end of this summer. He expects to go into the chaplaincy as soon as his requirements of church leadership experience are fulfilled. He has therefore accepted the call of the Suisun Church, and will begin work on September 12, continuing until he is accepted as a chaplain.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A fine Vacation Church School was conducted during July. Miss Alice English, Director of Religious Education, served as Dean of the Junior High Division of the Lokoya Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, and Rev. Donald Gaylord, the pastor, was a member of the faculty at Loma Mar. In common with other churches, church attendance has been greater during the summer than for a number of years. The financial situation has shown great improvement.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. At the time of the conference of the Methodist Church, Rev. Robert L. Warren was named as pastor, Rev. George F. Wortley retiring to take up secular work. Mr. Warren is a graduate of Garrett Biblical Institute of Evanston and was for a time in charge of Methodist student work at Stanford University. He is receiving a fine response on the part of the people and congregations are increasing.

REDWOOD CITY. A beautiful service flag, containing 63 stars, two of which are gold, was dedicated at the morning service on July 4. During Rev. Charles E. Ward's vacation the guest preachers were a Navy and an Army chaplain. The various organizations are preparing to render the best and most useful service during the coming season.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. After some months of uncertainty, this church is now squared away for a new and aggressive program in the vast area of East Oakland. After weeks of inquiry and correspondence, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. Byron E. Eshelman of West Haven, Conn. Mr. Eshelman was pastor at the Ocean View Church, San Francisco, while studying at Pacific School of Religion. Later he went to Yale, where he has graduated, and was pastor of a community church. He will bring his wife, who is a trained nurse, and new baby, and take up work on October 1. He is a young man of fine ability and personality. Beginning on Sunday, August 28, President Emeritus Herman F. Swartz will supply the pulpit until the arrival of the minister. East Bay churches will lend their cooperation in a community-wide introduction of the new church program.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. A Daily Vacation Church School was held under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, directors of religious education, and a Boy Scout troop has been organized. Alpha Nu, a fellowship group for young adults, meets each Sunday evening for worship, discussion, and a social hour. Guest speakers at morning or evening services during the summer have included President A. C. McGiffert, Jr., Rev. C. Bernard Cockett of Australia, Rev. Harold M. Kingsley of Chicago, Major John B. Jefferies and Squadron Leader Robert G. K. Thompson of the Wingate Burma Expedition, and Rev. George W. Phillips, the radio preacher. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is the pastor.

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Gordon L. Foster has announced a series of great questions as sermon subjects, beginning with the Sunday of World Communion, under the general theme :"What can the intelligent man and woman believe about the Christian religion in a time of world war and far-reaching social change?" Arrangements are being made to have some display advertising in the local papers, and members of the church, prior to World Communion Sunday and following, will carry forward a visitation and an effort in personal evangelism.

GUERNEVILLE. Mr. Henry H. Hayden, a student of Pacific School of Religion, has succeeded Rev. Alfred Paul Focht as pastor of this church. Notice of Mr. Focht's ordination, which took place in the Guerneville church on July 29, appears elsewhere in this issue. The building has been renovated, and a chancel altar, the gift of Mr. Focht, was installed late in July. A successful financial campaign was completed early this summer, and Mr. Hayden has already outlined a full program of activity for the fall.

PORTERVILLE. July 4 was more than a patriotic occasion in this church. On that date, Rev. Willis Goldsmith, the pastor, invited a loyal and long-time member to occupy the pulpit. It was Rev. John A. Milligan, a former pastor, who commenorated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry, by preaching on the subject "Sixty Years a Minister." The Pacific, its readers, and many other friends of Mr. Milligan, are glad to extend congratulations.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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NO FEDERATION MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

OFF TO A GOOD START

The August meeting of the Federation, held as usual in the First Congregational Church of Oakland, following as it did two months of vacation, and preceding two months in which the regular Federation meetings are not held, was a very full one. The reports of it must necessarily be much curtailed.

In September the Federation meeting is omitted to give opportunity for the several Associations to hold their own meetings. The following is the schedule so far as your editor knows it: Bay Association, September 16, at 10:30 in the First Church, Oakland. This Association has so often met in the Alameda Church that attention is called to the change. Santa Clara Association, October 6, at Campbell; Central Association, October 12, at Ripon. In October, the Federation, as always, meets with the Northern California Conference at its Annual Meeting —held this year October 19, 20, 21, in the Plymouth Church, Oakland. The Women's Luncheon will be on Thursday, October 21. The Luncheon speaker will be announced later.

It may seem a long time ahead to announce our own Annual Meeting, but only one regular Federation meeting (November) comes between. The Federation Annual will be a one-day meeting, as last year, and will be held at the Broadmoor Church on January 20.

The chief business item at our August meeting was the adoption by the Executive Board of the fourth Thank Offering project. This will be assistance to the Arlington Fellowship House. This enterprise has been carried on in North Berkeley for some time as a Sunday School, combined with boys' and girls' club work and other activities, under the direction of a student worker from the Pacific School of Religion. Now a church is to be started on this foundation, and the student worker, Mr. Herbert Dimock, will be full-time pastor. It will be the only church in that neighborhood, and like any new venture will need financial assistance if it is to be a success. As a Sunday School, it has commanded the enthusiastic support of the Kensington area where its work lies, and it is up to us to see that the church continues what the Sunday School has begun.

Mrs. Chester Gossett, Social Welfare Secretary, reported that of the quotas sent out in the spring, 45 had been accepted, of which 33 had been completed. Twenty-two had made no report. If your society is one of the 22, please let Mrs. Gossett hear from you, even if you cannot accept your quota.

One of the topics discussed everywhere today is that of the need for inter-racial goodwill, and Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Action Secretary, presented a constructive enterprise sponsored by the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Plymouth Church. It is an interracial goodwill poster contest open to all high school members of the Pilgrim Fellowship and similar organizations in the Congregational Churches of Northern California. Prizes of $15.00, $7.00, and $5.00, respectively, are offered for the three best posters. Information has been given out to the churches, but Miss Coxhead will gladly answer further questions.

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Young People's Secretary, spoke of the various conferences at Loma Mar, Lakewood, and Zephyr-at-Berkeley—some smaller in number than in previous years, but even finer in spirit and accomplishment.

Conferences, indeed, seemed to be the order of the day. There were reports from the Institute of International Relations held at Mills College, by Mrs. Ernest Evans, Foreign Field Secretary and Federation delegate to the Institute, and by Mrs. Harry Holcomb of the Oakland First Church. Mrs. Evans reported principally on the Discussion Group, led by Martin Hall, studying post-war Germany. One of her most arresting comments concerned the opinion voiced by Mr. Hall, that the influence of the church in post-war Germany would be greater than that of Communism. This opinion had been challenged by A. J. Muste who held that "if the future of the democratic countries depended upon the church, the outlook would be dark indeed." Said Mr. Muste: "For a church to repudiate its teachings is fatal. Respect for the 100,000 Quakers is due to the fact that they mean what they say. They constitute a challenge for us today."

The Federation was fortunate in the numbers of its members to attend the M. E. M. Conference at San Anselmo. Mrs. Philip Greisinger presented these as they gave their reports. Mrs. Evans spoke on the class in the study of the foreign text, "For All of Life" by Wm. H. and C. Wiser, led by Dr. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto. She urged strongly that we should go back to the custom of really studying these text-books, and suggested ways of using the foreign text. She pointed out that the separate chapters were so written as to be easily dramatized. Mrs. Verdette Walter, Home Field Secretary, spoke of the class studying the home book, "We Who Are America," by Kenneth Miller. Dr. Lynn White had been the leader of this group, and Mrs. Walters quoted some of his suggestive remarks, such, for example, as that "America is not so much a melting pot as a tapestry." Miss Mary Seely, of the First Church, Oakland, out of a two years' experience on the M. E. M. Conference Board, paid a well-deserved tribute to the one who is the main support of the organization and upon whose devotion its success depends—Mrs. R. A. Blosser of the Christian Church in San Francisco. Mrs. Kientz, Mrs. Gossett, and Mrs. Norwood Silsbee of Sacramento, brought out other phases of an interesting Conference.

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading List Chairman ,suggested the following books: "Which Way Ahead" (Walter Dowie); "The Screw-Tape Letters" (C. S. Lewis); "What Is the Church Doing" (H. F. Van Dusen); "From Many Lands" (Louis Adamic); "Basis for Peace in the Far East" (N. Peffer); "Year of the Wild Boar" (H. Mears); "A Sense of Humus" (Bertha Damon); "We Took to the Woods" (L. Rich); "Look to the Mountains" (LeGrand Cannon, Jr.); "Dr. Ida" —India (M. P. Jeffrey), and "My Lantern" (Michi Kawai).

Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Prayer Guild Secretary, spoke on Christian Symbolism, instancing the many symbols to be found in the Martinez Church. She referred to the richly chased golden chalice found at Antioch, Asia Minor, and exhibited some years ago at the Chicago Exposition. Miss Mary Seeley, who had seen the chalice and had written a paper based upon it, entitled "The Holy Grail," offered to give the paper as a devotional service for any society requesting it—a most generous offer which in these days must necessarily be limited by the accessibility of the group, as well as by demands upon the time of a very busy woman. Miss Seely's address is 67 Wildwood Avenue, Piedmont; telephone Piedmont 5931. Your editor can testify that the paper will form a beautiful and helpful devotional for any group able to secure it.

The August meeting missed one member who has never before failed in attendance: Mrs. Ira Coe, Courtesy Chairman, has moved to Lafayette. The Federation is grateful that this does not mean any interruption in the gracious correspondence she has carried on for so long with any who were ill or in sorrow. Write her if you know of someone who would be helped by a word from her. Her address is Happy Valley Road, Lafayette. Will those who heard an incorrect address given at the August meeting, please notice the correction.

SAID AMBASSADOR GREW—

"There are those in Japan who have and appreciate this spiritual power. I know some of them myself. I have seen them in our Christian churches and I know something of the loyalty these God-fearing people have for their churches. Christianity is deep-rooted in Japan. I believe that it can never be crushed. I am sure there are those loyal Japanese churchmen who are doing their best to sustain and maintain their faith in God now. I need not remind you, I am sure, that it was not the Christians of Japan who brought on this terrible war but the military leaders who ,profess faith only in themselves and their military schemes. I hope and pray that most of the Christian churches in Japan are open even now, and latest reports indicate that this is the case. . . . Yes, the spark of faith no doubt still burns in Japan among literally hundreds of thousands of devoted Christians. When the war is over and the military clique is no longer in power there, it is my conviction that a great opportunity and responsibility will again be offered the churches."

"A hearse is a poor vehicle to come to church in—why wait?" (From the Eureka Bulletin.)

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Y. P. Conferences and Elections

Space does not permit an article that would do justice to the splendid summer conferences for young people, which are now history, and the outstanding service rendered by the directors and faculty members, the officers of Pilgrim Fellowship and many pastors and lay people. In spite of gas and food rationing, crowded public conveyances, and an infantile paralysis scare, the attendance at four of the five was beyond our highest hopes. Special mention should be made of Miss Ruth I. Seabury, who was our guest at three of the conferences, of Paul Dickey of Portland at Lokoya, and of Mrs. S. C. Peabody and Rev. Pierson Parker at Sequoia. There was a total attendance of about 350 at the five conferences.

Warren Uhte of Fairfax was elected Conference President of the Pilgrim Fellowship. Shortly after the election, however, he moved from Northern California, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Said, newly elected First Vice President, from Santa Rosa, succeeded him. Miss Virginia Phlegar of Oakland First is the new Vice President, Miss Dorothea Brookover of Cotati is the Secretary, and Warren Neilson of Berkeley First is Editor of "The Light," with Rev. David Stowe as counselor for "The Light."

The following officers were elected in the districts:

East Bay: President, Elizabeth Eastman, Berkeley First; Vice-President, John Cummings, Berkeley North; Secretary, Mary Louise Loper, Berkeley First.

West Bay: President, Suzanne Bisset, Palo Alto; Vice-President, William Bielar, San Mateo; Secretary-Treasurer, Laura Mason, San Jose.

Central: President, Jean McDonald, Lodi; Girls' Vice-President, Naomi Phelps, Sacramento; Boys' Vice-President, Leonard Boone, Lodi; Secretary, Nancy Wildanger, Sacramento; Treasurer, Joyce McFaddin, Sacramento.

Lokoya: Director 1944, Rev. Gordon L. Foster, Santa Rosa; President, Lois Alexander, Antioch; Vice-President, Walter Eells, Antioch; Second Vice-President, Barbara Johnson, Penngrove; Secretary, Pauline Thompson, Santa Rosa.

San Joaquin: President, Vasken Chakmakjian, Fresno Pilgrim; Vice-President, Donald Noble, Porterville; Secretary, Dorothy Shoemaker, Tulare; Treasurer, Joyce Anderson, Fresno.

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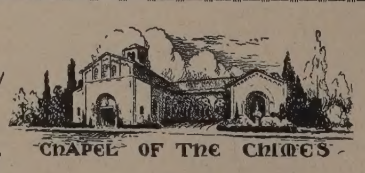

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